

Rotary Club of Bendigo South

SIGNPOST

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Meets Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Lakeview Hotel (TBC weekly)

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President's Report

At our Meeting on Thursday night we learned about **NBN Local** from the Community Engagement Manager, Chris Rowlands. Chris is Manager for north west Victoria and responsible for lifting digital capacity and inclusion. He lives in Bendigo and is committed to our Region.

NBN Local is a Government Business enterprise and is responsible for delivering Australia's broadband infrastructure. NBN Local is a wholesaler, Providers (eg Telstra, Optus, Dodo etc) provide the Plans to which consumers sign up. If you have connection issues, your first port of call is your Provider.

High in the priorities of NBN Local is the development of regional infrastructure and supporting communities in times of need, eg fire and flood, where connectivity can be non-existent as was evidenced recently in the storm damaged Dandenongs where some houses were without power for up to three weeks. No power = no internet. Support for Indigenous Communities is another priority.

Chris recommended doing the online check with **nbn's [Online Skills Check And Resources \(OSCAR\) tool](#)**. It's a fantastic tool for individuals and NBN Local gets a much better understanding of digital capability in our region from the results so they can better target their sessions with libraries, neighbourhood houses and other community groups and organisations.

Chris is happy to answer any questions and provided the Club with his contact details.

The Club also welcomed Fabiana Schreiner, who is looking to join our Club, being a recent arrival in Bendigo.



Friday night saw myself, Zoe Pocock, Tony and Betty Plant at the Sandhurst Club's Auction. It was a fun night. Zoe scored a lot of items, Tony and Betty won the quiz!

Our next Meeting is important for our District as we are being asked to pilot potential changes to Regionalisation structure. Clubs have to vote on this issue, so let's be informed!

Merlyn Quaife AM

AUGUST PROGRAM

Thurs 18th August

Lake View Hotel
Guest Speaker – Cathie Miller
Presentation of Zone 8 Regionalisation Project
Chair – Merlyn Quaife
Followed by August Board Meeting

Thurs 25th August

Lake View Hotel
Guest Speaker – Russell Hayes & Grant Klaaysen
East coast coordinators
Presentation – Wheelchairs for kids via ZOOM
Chair – Matthew Scott

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- Science & Engineering Challenge Regional Event - Central Victoria
Monday 22nd August - Bendigo South East College Stadium
- James Morrison with the City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band – Concert
Sunday 9th October 2pm Ulumbarra Theatre Bendigo



- Science & Engineering Challenge - National Final
Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October - Bendigo South East College Stadium
- Maubisse Film Night
Thursday 27th October (details to follow)
- Swap Meet
Friday 12th, Saturday 13th, Sunday 14th November.

James Morrison & the City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band

Tickets are available for club members, partners and friends at a discounted price if purchased directly from the club. There are 50 reserved seats all in prime positions and they will be sold on a first in best dressed arrangement. They are available at \$50 per person, as compared to \$59 if purchased from Gotix. Should you wish to reserve yours early please let Tony Plant know and he will put you on the list. We should have the actual tickets to distribute in the next couple of weeks. Payment will need to be made into the Projects account and please make sure you include your name and the word "CONCERT" with your online payment.

Please see attachment for more information.

Swap meet - 11th, 12th and 13th of November

After 3 years the Swap Meet is BACK! We are seeking an indication of who will be available to assist over the weekend. Shifts are 4 hours. Partners and friends are welcome to join us. Please contact Maureen ph. 0438 468815 or goldview46@bigpond.com if you are available.



Tree planting in East Gippsland

RC of East Gippsland Fire Aid sent the following message to Paul Gibbons:

We have been looking at properties and talking to landholders in Sarsfield, Clifton Creek and Wairewa. All locations are within striking distance of Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance when considering accommodation.

How about 9/10/11 September, based on:

- **Friday 9 September – travel to East Gippsland**
- **10 September – tree planting day**
- **10 September (evening) a social dinner with some of the locals.**
- **Sunday 11 September – Return home.**

If you all would be able to check your calendars and let Tony or Paul know whether you are a starter or not for this proposed weekend **ASAP**.



President Merlyn Quaife and Tony Plant at the Sandhurst Club's Auction.



Community Engagement Manager, Chris Rowlands presenting to the club on NBN Local.



Rotary

District 9800



THE FOUR WAY TEST

- Is it the TRUTH
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST.

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND.

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD.

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH.

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional



WHO'S WHO?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:	Jennifer Jones
RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR:	Amanda Wendt

CLUB PRESIDENT	Merlyn Quaife AM
SECRETARY	Paul Gibbons
TREASURER	Greg Noonan
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR	Mark Tracy
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR	Lindsay Jolley
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR	Emily Mudge
MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING DIRECTOR	Tony Plant
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR	Rod Spitty
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER	Geoff McKinna
ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR	Susan Duncan
FUND-RAISING and FINANCE	Gary Pinner
CLUB COMMUNICATIONS	Matthew Scott
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Zoe Pocock

CLUSTER CLUB MEETING TIMES

DISTRICT 9800 GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER ROTARY CLUBS

RC KANGAROO FLAT: Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park

Secretary - Geoff Wakefield 0408510218

RC BENDIGO: Tuesday 12:45pm, Bendigo Club, Park Street, Kennington.

Secretary: Danielle Ioniescu – 5444 0190 secretary@rotarybendigo.org.au

RC ECHUCA MOAMA: Last Tuesday of month - 6 for 6:30pm, Rotary Community Park, Rose Street, Echuca.

RC BENDIGO SANDHURST: Wednesday 7.30am, New Meeting Venue to be advised.

Secretary: John Harkin – 0409957000

RC EAGLEHAWK: Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

Contact on 0428468298

RC ROCHESTER: Thursday 6pm, The Court House building, Moore Street (Opp. G. Nelson Motors)

Contact - Heather Watson on 0439842177

RC CASTLEMAINE: Wednesday 6:30pm, The Cumberland Hotel

Secretary - Lyndal McClure 044339116